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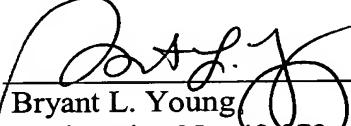
Applicants enclose a copy of an English translation of the priority application of the present application (JP 2002-379677) along with the English statement by the translator that the translation is true and correct. Applicants have effectively perfected the priority of the present application. By perfecting priority, Applicants have obviated any potential future rejections over any published applications/patents related to Kanae et al. (US Patent No. 6,670,426).

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, he is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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